

## Local Items

All About Our Town And Its People

Miss Hazel Panches of Sidney returned to her home Saturday morning after having been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Leon Camer for the past several weeks.

The Misses Blanche and Edith Glass are at home for the summer vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Glass. Miss Blanche Glass has been teaching in the high school at Bessemer, Mich., while Miss Edith Glass was one of the graduating class at the Ypsilanti State Normal school and is now in possession of her life certificate. She will teach in a school at Grosse Ile, about 10 miles south of Detroit next year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Weaver went to Greenville Saturday morning to spend the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Oberlin and little son went up to Sand Lake Friday evening to spend the summer vacation at the home of her parents.

Mrs. Jay Hubbard returned Thursday evening from a short visit with her son, Don Hubbard and family, at St. Johns.

Clement Rosek and his aunt, Miss Agnes Rosek left Saturday night for their homes at Sand Lake to spend summer vacation with the home folks in the old home town.

Mrs. George Anthony was a Grand Rapids visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Wm. Coulter and son Theodore left for Big Rapids Monday night having received news that her father, Geo. S. Terry, was very seriously ill.

The Cooley district of Otisco township went over the top in its quota for War Savings Stamps. Robert Wells outdid all others by taking an even \$500.

Libbie Osworth is visiting relatives in St. Louis.

Fred and Ed. Bailey are visiting in Perrinton.

Willie Watson of Grand Rapids is spending his vacation with his grand, parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kennedy. Fatty Arbuckle, in "The Bell Boy" Saturday at the Empress theater. Matinee at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Clara Scott went to Clarksville Saturday morning to visit for a short time with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Russell left here Saturday morning for a trip, taking in Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Milwaukee and other places visiting with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bowles went to Blanchard Monday morning to visit the latter's brother and family, who live near there, for the summer vacation.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kennedy, on June 8, a daughter, Miss Reta Mary. Both mother and daughter are doing well, according to Dr. Dutt, the attending physician.

Miss Helen Darby, the trimmer at the Stanton & Sabine millinery store during the past season, left Wednesday to spend her vacation at her home in Pittsburgh.

"What can I do for falling hair?" Use Parisian Sage; this also cures dandruff and itching scalp. Wortley & French sell it.—Advertisement.

THE IONIA STATE HOSPITAL REQUIRES THE SERVICES OF ABLE BODIED SINGLE MEN OF GOOD CHARACTER OUTSIDE THE DRAFT AGE AS ATTENDANTS. WAGES START AT \$40.00 PER MONTH WITH BOARD, ROOM, LAUNDRY, ETC., FURNISHED. WITH RAPID INCREASES UP TO \$65.00. GOOD OPPORTUNITY AND YEAR-ROUND WORK FOR ACTIVE MEN OF MIDDLE AGE. PERSONAL APPLICATION PREFERRED. BOX 494, IONIA, MICH.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kline are entertaining Mr. Kline's parents from St. Louis.

Miss Irene Burt went to Grand Rapids Saturday morning to spend her vacation with relatives and friends there and at Hastings.

Mrs. Glenn Hudnutt and baby went to Camp Custer, Saturday morning to visit their husband and father, who is in training there. From there they will also go to Hastings where they will visit for a time with her parents.

Mrs. Jessie Hartman and baby returned home to Stanton, Monday afternoon, after spending a few days visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hutton.

Mrs. John Shekels and two children of Ionia, returned home Monday afternoon, after having visited for several days with relatives and friends here.

Mrs. B. D. Kneeland of St. Johns returned home Monday afternoon after having visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellwood Rockefeller and more particularly to see the new son, who arrived at that home some time recently.

Harry Willett of Alma returned home Monday afternoon after having visiting for some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Moon of Smyrna.

Don't forget to use the telephone when you have an item dealing with visitors at your own or some one else's home, parties or other social gatherings in the city or vicinity or any other items of interest which may come before your mind. We appreciate these favors and gladly wait on telephone calls to take them over the wire, besides you are materially helping to make a better and more newsy paper for the community by so doing.

Mrs. J. E. Osworth and daughters, Bernice and Marie, were in Greenville Monday.

Powell-Shannon.

On Saturday, June 29, at 2:15 o'clock in the afternoon, Miss Mildred Mary Shannon pledged her troth to Frederick C. Powell, Rev. H. S. Ellis performing the ceremony at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Kate Shannon. The bride was daintily dressed in white voile and satin while the bridesmaid, Miss Grace Shannon, a sister of the bride, was dressed in sand colored silk. Sherman Moore, a close friend of Mr. Powell, acted as best man.

A dainty luncheon was served after the wedding ceremony by Mr. and Mrs. Stahlin M. Shannon and Mrs. E. M. Stahlin, to 22 guests, Mr. and Mrs. Powell receiving the congratulations of the assemblage in the meantime. They also were the recipients of many beautiful and valuable gifts of silver, cut glass and china.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Powell are well and very favorably known in this city and vicinity, the bride being a daughter of one of the oldest families in this city and Mr. Powell, through his life and habits here, has shown himself to be a highly cultured and splendid young man and the Banner-News joins in with their numerous friends in wishing them long useful lives of love and prosperity, as one friend said in congratulating the happy young couple, "May your lives be as your arithmetic—your joys be added, your cares divided, your sorrows subtracted and your pleasures multiplied."

Advertised Letters.

Elijah Evans.

Walter Schultze.

Mrs. Jennie Christensen.

Miss Bessie Connell.

Mrs. Alton Elliott.

Mrs. L. G. Mowatt.

Mrs. Lena Munson.

W. F. Bricker, P. M.

July 1, 1918.

The Kaiser is looking anxiously for the fruit of victory. In his case it will be a lemon.

## GREAT STORES NEEDED TO FEED MEN IN TRANSIT

LARGE QUANTITY OF FOOD IS  
CONSUMED BY SHIPLOAD OF  
SOLDIERS GOING "OVER."

An account of how soldiers are fed at sea is given in the daily newspaper published on a transport:

"Outside of providing 210,000 meals at sea, the mess officer of the ship has very little to do. Very little."

"He is only called upon to provide, by the regulations, 180 different varieties of food. That's all. Ever try to order 180 different things to eat?"

"Yes, this is the authentic list."

"The food needed to feed several thousand men at sea ranges beyond the glutton's dreams. You get the answer in the ship down below the water line, where 7,290 loaves of bread have been baked in one day, and where you stumble over every variety from 60,000 pounds of beef to 132,000 eggs, or a compartment of brick ice cream in a 10-degree-above-zero vault."

"And if this doesn't suit you, can bump along into 49,324 pounds of potatoes, 7,100 pounds of ham and bacon, 7,800 pounds of butter, 9,200 pounds of sugar, and 61,500 pounds of flour."

"If you can't get a meal out of this you can still fall back on 4,600 pounds of sausage, 3,400 pounds of sauerkraut, 26,000 pounds of apples, 19,800 pounds of oranges and 4,200 pounds of onions. And this leaves out 1,600 pounds of jam and 9,400 pounds of lima and navy beans."

Rev. Forman a Composer.

Rev. Leon Forman, of Frontier, a son of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Forman of this city, is the composer of the following, which we think, by the way, to be the best poem on the subject thus far published:

"How Hell Happened to Move."

The devil dwelt in the fiery lake

For a million years or so;

With little to do but to sit and bake

In the roaring brimstone glow.

He was growing old and his back was bent

With the toil of endless years;

As he thought of the fruitless ages spent,

His eyes filled up with tears.

It seems, he said, as he blew his nose

With a loud and fearful roar.

That this old joint would have to close

And bolt and bar the door.

The world is growing so dog-goned good

In these degenerate days

That I can't get results as a devil should,

And running this mill don't pay.

My business methods are out of date.

A few more years like these of late

And hell will be for rent.

He slowly and sadly raised his head,

As the office door swung wide,

And the office imp stepped in and said:

"There's a gentleman just outside."

Well, show him in, the devil snarled,

And the imp ducked out the door.

An inspector came from the other world,

He's been here off before.

But the devil started in frank surprise

As again the door swung wide,

He scarcely dared to believe his eyes

For a stranger had stepped inside.

He quickly arose to greet his guest

With a grave and courtly bow;

For he noted the medals upon his breast

And the crown upon his brow.

I'm Kaiser William, the stranger said,

From the land beyond the Rhine.

I notice your business is somewhat dead.

Will you look at a plan of mine?

Your equipment is ancient. Your plans are old.

Your plant is all run down. Your imps are lazy. Your fires are cold.

The place has lost renown.

Then the Kaiser opened his sample case

And said, I am proud to tell

That I have right here, for the human race,

A brand new type of hell.

I have savage hordes at my command,

I have ships, and forts and guns.

I can crush the people of every land

With the Kultur of my Huns.

I can raze their cities and raid their towns.

I can outrage and plunder and kill.

Till all shall know, from the rulers down,

The power of Kaiser Bill.

I can ravage the mothers and daughters fair.

And the innocent child at play.

To my submarines and my raids by air.

Will fall an easy prey.

I have poisoned gas, and star shells bright;

I have liquid fire and spies.

And I claim to possess a special right

From the throne up in the skies.

Your plan is bully! the devil said,

As he grasped him by the hand.

We'll put the padlock on this old shed

And move to the Fatherland.

Then the devil called all his imps until

They stood, everyone, in line.

Then he fired the bunch and left with Bill

For the land beyond the Rhine.

Thus 'hell has moved from its ancient stand

To the palace in Berlin.

The devil and Bill rule the Fatherland

And the two look just like twins.

They work in harmony, I've been told,

And the devil says he finds

That they far outclass the hell of old

With the new one on the Rhine.

—L. G. Forman.

## SPENDID ADDRESSES DELIVERED AT RECENT COMMENCEMENT

The following valedictory by C. Edward Johnson, valedictorian of the class of 1918, was delivered by the young man at the commencement exercises, Wednesday night:

Parents and Friends:

The president has declared that our aim in this war is "to make the world safe for democracy." It is a contest between democracy and autocracy.

The fate of the governments of the people, by the people and for the people hangs in the balance. We are fighting for the democracy of the world and are sacrificing that they may live.

But what is a democracy and of what importance is education in one?

Our first conception of a democratic government is the liberty and opportunity which its citizens possess. To us it means the liberty for which our forefathers so bravely fought in 1776.

It stands for freedom for the individual—free speech and freedom of religion. Castes, feudalism and those who believe in the divine right of kings have no place in a democracy. They are antagonistic to its principles of liberty and equality.

Individual liberty depends upon that of nations. The nation cannot be subject to a foreign power if its citizens are to retain their liberty.

Our forefathers when they framed the government under which we now live declared that this nation is "dedicated to the proposition that all are created equal." Each citizen is subject to the same laws and each enjoys the same privileges.

Nations who declare that all men are equal, on one hand and treat their weaker neighbors wrongfully on the other hand, are not true democracies. The rights of the small nations are just as sacred as those of their more powerful neighbors. We are fighting today to justify this principle—to prove its force to Germany.

The people are the rulers in a democracy. Each citizen has his vote with which he determines who shall make and execute the laws.

Public opinion has a great deal of influence in forming the laws, and each man, through his vote, may say which ones shall be enacted. The power of government is vested in the people and what the government does depends upon the people.

Before we decide of what importance to a democracy is education, let us ask what is education?

Education consists of a series of instruction and discipline which is intended not only to enlighten the mind but to train it to think and the will to act. Education means to lead out that is to train and develop the student for future usefulness. In high school the students are brought together with the common purpose—to acquire an education. Here we have a small democracy—all have equal opportunities for advancement and all are governed by the same rules.

Here, too, each student, through contact with his fellow students, is learning the art of living. He is acquiring the ability to live among people through which comes harmony in the home, the community and the country.

The art of thinking is another of the lessons taught in school. Knowledge is of little value unless it can be used. Through thought facts are connected and relationships are seen. A wide knowledge enables us to think in greater terms.

When these two lessons have been learned well, the student has also learned how to live in a democracy and be part of one. He obeys his country's laws, not only because they are laws, but because he sees the justice in them. As a member of a democracy he knows that every law which is for the common good is his and for his good.

Besides having a duty to obey his nation's commands, he must see that it is both a duty and a privilege to help make these laws. The right of suffrage for the common people and the consideration given the popular will distinguishes a democracy from other governments. Each citizen of a democracy has his vote with which he chooses his officials and guides the course of his country.

Since the people, through their votes are to rule in a democracy, it is evident that they must know how to use their votes wisely and for the common good. To teach them this is one of the great purposes of education in America. Our forefathers realized the importance of education to the future of our country when they established our great system of free schools. They saw that government was safe only in the hands of a free educated people.

Today we see the results of their foresight and realize how great a part education has in a democracy. We have seen educated peoples rule themselves successfully and the futile attempts of the uneducated to

manage their affairs as well as the appalling results of trying to rule an uneducated people unrighteously. America is leading the world today in democracy because she has taught her people to rule themselves.

Parents: Each member of this class, the class of 1918, owes to you a debt of gratitude which he can never repay. For the past 12 years you have sacrificed much that you might reach our goal—graduation. Tonight we have reached that goal and are ready for greater tasks. Our indebtedness to you is great and we sincerely hope that our efforts in the future will show a part at least of our gratitude to you.

To the members of the board of education, I wish to convey the appreciation of this class for the interest which you have shown in our welfare. Besides providing us with a fine corps of teachers you have added new courses to the curriculum and have offered greater opportunities for our development. For these things and your unfailing interest in us we are truly thankful.

Teachers—To you we shall owe a large share of our success in the future. You have been instructing us for the past four years in the things of the past and the present and how to apply their lesson to the future.

You have helped us to gain some appreciation of the great opportunities of life. Whatever successes we may achieve in the future, we shall all remember that you were our teachers in Belding high school.

Juniors—Tonight we shall cease to be seniors, and you will become the senior class of 1919. In your new position you will have new and increased responsibilities and tasks. You will be the highest class in Belding high school, the leaders to whom the rest of the school will look for the right example. Harmony and cooperation will lead to a most successful senior year. In behalf of the class of 1918, I wish to extend to you the best wishes for success and happiness in the future.

Classmates—For the past four years we have struggled hard to reach our goal—graduation. Tonight we have achieved our aim. Tomorrow we go forth as citizens of our great democracy. We are determined to do, for her no less than our best. May the lessons we have learned in school guide us through life and lead us to true happiness. We bid the future "Welcome" and to Belding high school and our teachers, one last affectionate "Farewell."

Salutatory.

The following salutatory was given by Miss Myrtle Treat, one of the class of 1918, B. H. S., at the recent commencement exercises:

Parents, friends, teachers, and schoolmates: In behalf of the senior class of 1918 I greet you. Your presence adds greatly to the pleasure of this occasion. Tonight we come before you for the last time as the senior class of 1918. You are here to share with us the crowning event of our high school life. Whether this period of our lives has been a success or not, can better be determined by the successes and failures in the new life which we are about to enter.

Never before have graduating classes of the United States, both in colleges and in high schools, had such great opportunities. The war has called many professional men and women into its ranks, these places are being filled by educated young men and women. Not only in this country, but also in Europe, young people are needed. American men and women must bear the burden of reconstruction. In this crisis it is not only our duty to ourselves and our parents, but also to our government to prepare for the great tasks that will be given us.

Browning says, "A crisis brings out the best there is in us." The times in which we are living are a true test of character and will bring out the best or the worst in the individual. Likewise, the next few years will prove whether or not education has fitted young men and women for living. We, the class of 1918, will soon have a chance to measure up to world standards.

In the previous years we have been guided by friends, teachers and parents and while we shall be unconsciously influenced by their precepts, yet we must learn to depend upon ourselves.

To the juniors who have so kindly helped us in making out last year so successful, we extend our sincere thanks and our hearty wishes that their senior year may be as pleasant and as worth while as ours has been.

To our teachers we express our appreciation of their careful guidance, the ready interest and the inspirations they have given us.

To our parents we express our filial gratitude and love, their due. We can never realize how much they have sacrificed, that we might enjoy the opportunities offered by a high school education. Surely the best way to repay them is to make the most of

ourselves, that they may not feel that their sacrifices were in vain. We, the class of 1918, welcome you, and ask that you share to the utmost our commencement.

## MEMBER OF CANADIAN-BLACK WATCH, LONELY

THOUGH CRIPPLED, CALLS IT  
GREAT LIFE TO DO HIS BIT—  
OVER TWO YEARS' SERVICE.

The Banner-News is in receipt of the following letter from Pvt. H. G. Underhill, a member of the famous Canadian "Black Watch" which saw so much service in the earlier battles of the present great war.

Pvt. Underhill laments the fact that he is without friends, but we believe there are enough readers of the Banner-News who will show by their acts in sending this hero enough cigarettes, etc., to prove to him that he is not without friends.

His letter is as follows:

London, Ont., June 29, 1918.

Editor Banner-News, Belding, Mich.

Dear Sir: I am a returned soldier who has served four years in the Canadian army, although I am an American.

Would like to have you run this in your paper as I am without friends. I am now in a hospital recovering from wounds. I would like to have some young lady write to me. Would also like to have some cigarettes and writing paper.

I joined the famous Canadian Black Watch in August, 1914. Went to France in February, 1915 and have served two and a half years in France. Have been in nine big battles, besides several bombing raids; was wounded in the thigh and had a broken knee and a broken jaw. It is a great life, all right. I was glad to go and do my bit but I am glad to be home again.

Yours sincerely,

Pvt. H. G. Underhill.

15307, 13th Batt., Canadian Black Watch, Field Hospital No. 1, Carling Heights, London, Ont., Canada.

# Removal Sale

July 15th I will remove my stock to my new location, one block east, commencing

Friday, July 5 and continuing until Saturday, July 13

Bargains you cannot afford to miss. Some lines we are going to discontinue. Many of the goods offered are much less than wholesale prices today. Remember, we do not want to move the goods. Come in, you may see just what you want. Remember, no telephone orders on goods quoted.

6 spools Coates Best Sewing Cotton ..... 25c

Children's Dresses at less money than the material would cost today. Buy them and put away for next year if you do not need them now:

Ages 2 to 6, 29c, 59c and ..... 69c

Ages 8 to 14, 98c and ..... \$1.19

1,000 cards fancy Buttons, values to 15c, to close at per card ..... 7c

Shoe Strings, 3 pairs of 5c black or tan, all sizes ..... 10c

Round in black, white, tan or gray, regular 10c value ..... 7c

Dutch Cleanser per can ..... 7 1-2c

Dust proof Wardrobe Bags, plenty large enough for suit or coat, each ..... 9c

R. M. C. Crochet Cotton, all numbers, white or ecru, per spool ..... 9c

Printed Voile, 27 inches wide, per yd. 15c 3 5c rolls Wax Paper ..... 10c

Odds and ends in Tablets, Note Books, etc., to clean up all 10c tablets 7c; 5c tablets 4c

Girls' or boys' Cowboy Play Suits, sizes 4 to 10, each ..... 79c

Envelopes, linen finish, pkg. .... 5c

Boys' Shirts, regular 50c, to close at 39c sizes 12 1-2 to 14.

Tokio Mixed Paints, most-all colors: 1 pt. cans 30c; 1 qt. cans ..... 60c

1-2 gal cans \$1.10; 1 gal cans ..... \$2.20

Post Cards, per dozen ..... 7c

Children's Gauze Vests, 15c kind, all sizes ..... 10c

Rit, the dye soap, all colors ..... 8c

Pearce Handy Cold Pack Canning Rack: 4 can Rack with lifter ..... 64c

8 can Rack with lifter ..... 89c

Lifters each ..... 15c

Uncle Sam says "Cold Pack".

Fibre Chair Seats, black or tan, all sizes, regular 10c, ..... 8c

Handkerchiefs, 7c kind ..... 5c

Cross Bar, 2 for ..... 5c

Men's handkerchiefs 10c kind 7c; 4 for 25c

Children's Sate Elastic, black or white 10c

## BATHING SUPPLIES

Bathing Caps 19c, 25c and ..... 50c

Bathing Slippers ..... 29c

Bathing Suits ..... 75c up

Water Wings ..... 29c

Boys' Knickerbockers, several different kinds, sizes 6 to 16, per pair ..... 59c

## PICNIC SUPPLIES

Paper plates, per dozen ..... 5c

2 doz. Napkins ..... 5c

2 doz. Tin Spoons ..... 5c

25 Paper Drinking Cups ..... 5c

Shoe Taps, men's waterproof, 35c kind 27c

Men's, Women's or Children's 15c kind 11c

Talcum Powder—Mennen's, Colgate's or Williams', all odors. .... 15c

10c pkg. Bias tape, Stickri braid or Rac braid ..... 5c

Toilet Soap, a good sized cake of different odors, worth 7c, per cake ..... 5c

8 rolls Jap Crepe Toilet Paper ..... 25c

Crochet Hooks, 10c kind with cap, all sizes at ..... 5c

Bone Hair Pins, 6 in box, 10c kind ..... 7c

Granite Ware. A lot of odds and ends to clean up at a fraction of its value.

## HOSIERY

Ladies' in black and white, some seconds others samples, regular and out sizes:

Rib tops, values to 50c, choice ..... 29c

Children's in pink and blue, not all sizes values to 25c at ..... 15c

Ladies' black and white mercerized gauze hse, 50c values ..... 35c

Vegetable brushes with handle ..... 4c

1 lb. Cake Paraffin ..... 12c

## SHIRT WAISTS

65c values ..... 55c

\$1.19+ values ..... 98c

Georgette Crepe, Crepe DeChine and Wash silk 10 per cent discount.

\$1.98 10-quart Aluminum Preserving Kettle ..... \$1.50

A lot of short lengths in Dress Goods values up to 40c yard ..... 15c

Salted Peanuts, Saturday, July 6, 1-2 lb. 10c

One lot Shakespeare Surface bait regular 50c kind, to close out ..... 29c

Window Screens, adjustable, all sizes, 20c per cent discount.

A lot of odds and ends in dishes at bargain prices to close.

5 bars Lenox Soap ..... 25c